

CITY OF BURBANK

SENIOR TREE TRIMMER

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, to direct a crew and perform a variety of skilled tree maintenance and removal; climb trees and operate aerial devices and other tree maintenance equipment for the purpose of tree and root pruning; and perform related work as required.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

Directs, trains, and participates in the trimming, pruning, and maintenance of trees on municipal properties, working from the ground, from ladders, in aerial devices, and by climbing trees with the aid of ropes and climbing saddles; uses small and large power equipment and hand tools to cut and trim trees; plants, removes, irrigates, cultivates, applies pesticides, and fertilizes trees and shrubs; supervises the work of tree trimmers who are working on the same assignment; supervises a forestry services crew in supervisor's absence; assists with inspection of trees throughout the City and initiating work orders to trim, spray, or remove trees; may be required to drive a light or heavy-duty truck and/or operate a crane truck; operates stump remover, root cutters, spray rig, brush chippers, and skip loader and attachments; cuts and removes concrete; makes minor repairs to irrigation systems; ensures safety of property and persons by placing or directing to be placed warning devices and other safety apparatus at job sites; prepares and maintains various written reports; may be required to perform additional functions including, but not limited to, landscape maintenance of parks and other municipal properties; drives on City business.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Employment Standards:

- Knowledge of – the characteristics of shade and ornamental trees used in the urban forest; the methods and equipment used in planting, bracing, spraying, injecting, pruning, trimming, and removing trees and shrubs; proper English usage, spelling, grammar, and punctuation in order to effectively perform the essential functions of this classification (this is not a language restriction as defined in California Government Code Section 12951).
- Skill in - using power saws, shears, axes, pruning tools, ladders, aerial devices, and other standard tree trimming tools and equipment; training others in assigned duties and fostering a teamwork environment.
- Ability to observe and ensure safe practices and procedures; climb trees using appropriate equipment; operate an aerial device; perform heavy manual labor; follow and give written and oral directions; learn, comprehend, and apply department policies and regulations; maintain records and prepare written reports; safely drive a light or heavy-duty truck; work holidays, weekends, after hours, and outdoors in a variety of weather conditions while exposed to the elements; communicate effectively, both orally and in writing; and establish and maintain effective working relationships with supervisors, fellow employees, and the public.

Education/Training: Two years of recent paid full-time experience in general tree maintenance work, including tree trimming and tree climbing.

Special Conditions & Requirements: Employees in this classification, who are required by applicable laws and regulations to have respiratory protection, shall comply with the American Standards Institute's requirements on Practices for Respiratory Protection; possess and maintain physical condition required to perform essential functions of the classification which include the physical ability to: lift, pull, lower, and carry considerable amounts of weight (for weight in excess of 50 pounds, tools or other appropriate assistance are recommended to perform the function); bend in all directions; climb ladders; stoop; kneel; reach; twist; squeeze with arms and hands; stand for extended periods of time.

License & Certificates: A valid California Class "B" driver's license or equivalent and certification as a Certified Tree Worker by the International Society of Arboriculture are required at time of appointment. A valid California Class "A" driver's license or equivalent is required within one year of appointment. A crane certification may be required based on job assignment. All required licenses and certificates must be maintained throughout employment in this classification.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

None.